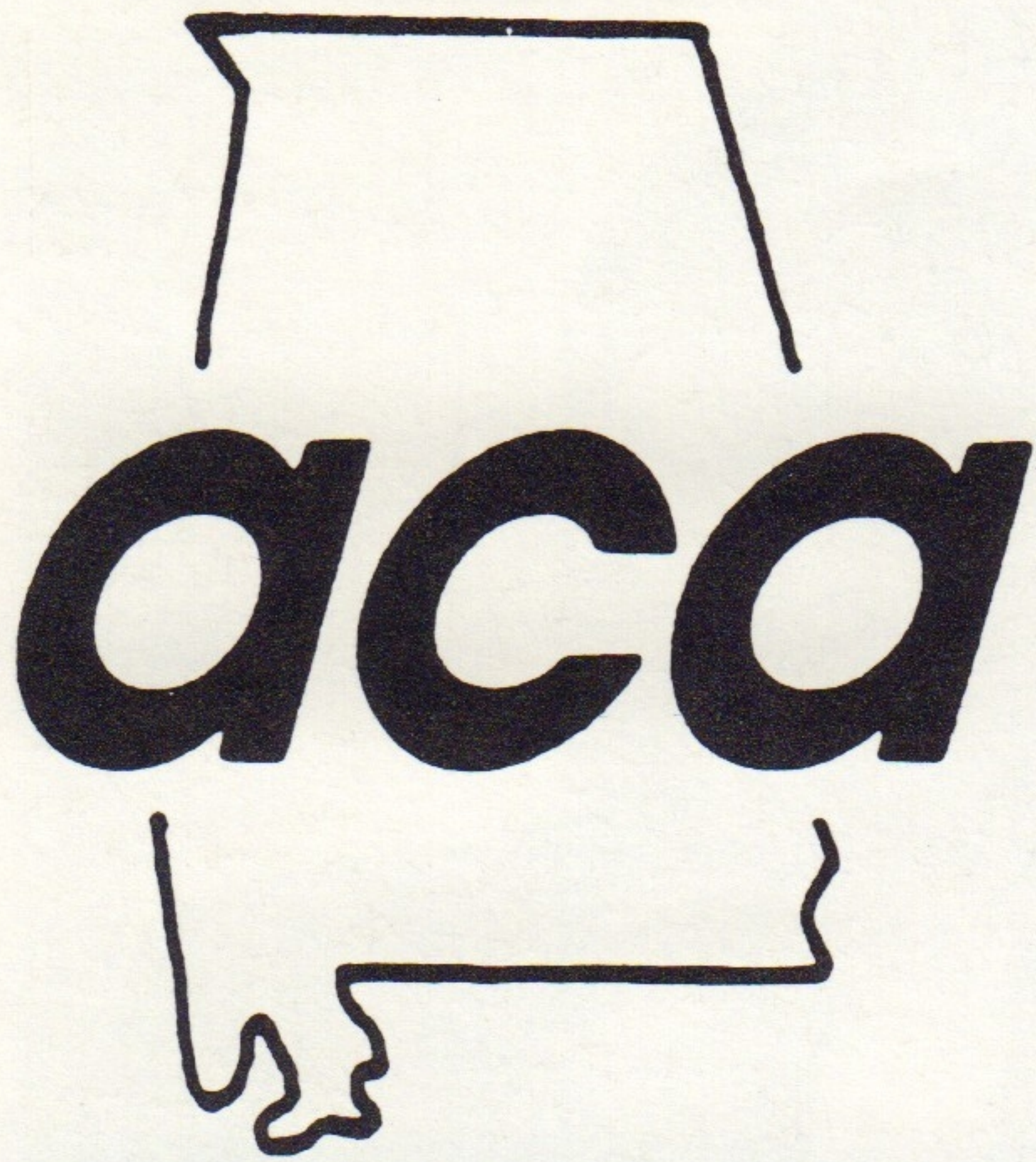


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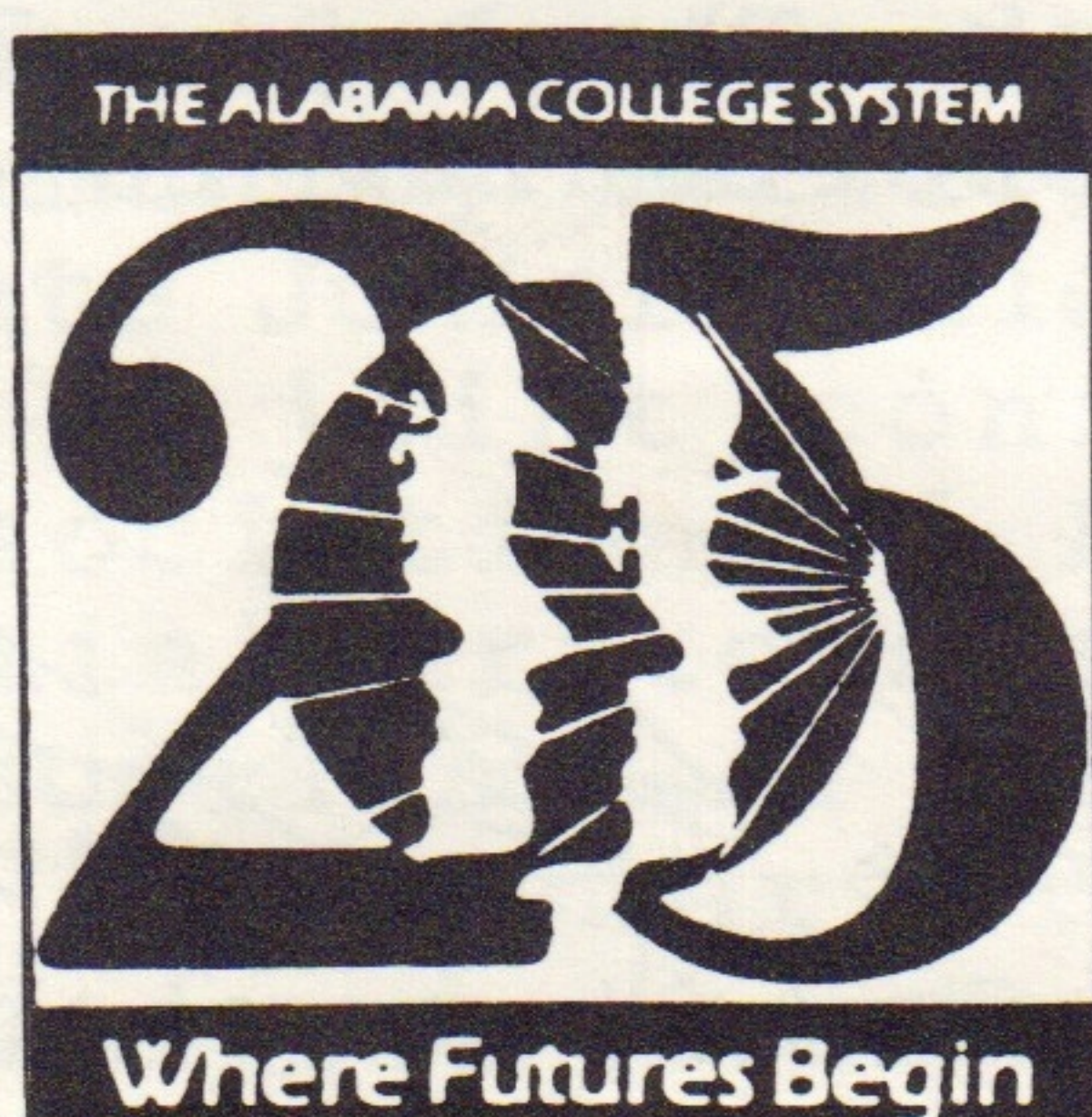
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A Letter from the ACA President

Dear Colleagues:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ann Chard for the outstanding leadership she provided to the Alabama College Association and to the Executive Committee last year. What a hard act to follow!! Of course, Dr. Chard continues her service to this year's executive committee as Immediate Past President. Thanks, Ann.

Other representatives who are working dilligently to represent you this year are Dr. Perry Ward, vice president/president elect; Ms. Jane Vance, second vice president; Ms. Jenni Thomas, secretary; Dr. Nancy Edgar, treasurer; Ms. Connie Branch, parliamentarian; Dr. Susan Parker, historian; Mr. Richard Jensen, communications officer; Dr. Sandra Flowers, administration chair; Dr. Ed Meadows, administration vice chair; Dr. George Chard, faculty chair; Mr. Carroll Thorne, faculty vice chair; Ms. Freddie Alford, students chair; Ms. Carol Kyser, students vice chair; Ms. Becky Brazeal, support chair; Dr. Harold Wade, Legislative chair; Dr. Gary Branch, recreation chair; and Dr. Bert Slafter, Postsecondary representative. Each has made selfless contributions and is appreciated.

The 1992-93 conference will again be held at the Wynfrey in Birmingham, November 22-24, 1992. The theme for the conference will be "Expanding Learning Through Technology." Please share any ideas that you have with members of the Executive Committee or your representative.

As a cost effective measure, the newsletter will be printed only three times this year, in June, August and October. Please forward any items of interest to Mr. Richard Jensen, Faulkner State Community College, Highway 31



South, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507.

Athens State College has volunteered to handle the registrations. Ms. Betty Marks and her team from Athens State College have done an outstanding job in past years. We look forward to having their expertise available for this year's registration process.

With this year's appropriated budget for our system reflecting last year's prorated budget, additional importance is given to this year's conference, perhaps the only professional development activity many of us will have. I join the other ACA representatives in assuring you that our objective is to provide a quality, professional development conference for you.

I look forward to working with you this year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. McLeod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Thomas A. McLeod, President
Alabama College Association



Enterprise's Bauer wins leadership award

ENTERPRISE -- Dr. Mary Bauer, dean of Continuing Education and Community Services at Enterprise State Junior College, from honored at a joint conference of the Association of Alabama College Administrators and the Alabama Association of Women in Education in Montgomery recently. Bauer received the Two-Year College Distinguished Leadership Award.

Dr. Bauer was applauded for her work with training for business and industry where she recognized the need to improve the basic reading, writing, and math skills for the Wiregrass workforce.

To address this need, she worked with other college personnel to seek a funding source for a workplace literacy project. Her research and efforts secured one of only ten grants in the nation awarded by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges to establish such programs.

Success led to a coalition of made up of ESJC, MacArthur State Technical College, a labor group, an Adult Basic Education program, and seven area industries. The group received the largest grant awarded any college in the nation in 1990.

Since that time, the coalition has been enlarged to involve the Alabama Power Foundation and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, and to include not only basic academic skills, but also college level educational activities.

Bauer has become a recognized authority on workplace educational programs and has had numerous opportunities to share her research and expertise in national workshop and conference presentations.

In writing Bauer's nomination, Enterprise Dean of Development Tim Alford noted "her finest attribute is her unique ability to inspire the best in others, empowering people to achieve beyond their previous limits and expectations. She has helped literally thousands of people who lacked skills and confidence to become self-actualizing. She represents the definition of leader as servant rather than as hero."



Lady Parsons lead state collegiate competition

BOAZ -- The Snead State Lady Parsons basketball, softball and tennis teams led the state this year in sports.

Snead State's basketball team won the 1992 state

championship and competed in the NJCAA tournament in Texas.

In softball, SSJC placed second in the state and competed in the NJCAA tournament in Georgia where they tied for ninth place.

The Lady Parsons continued their outstanding year taking the state Division 1 championship in tennis and sent their number one singles player to the NJCAA competition in Texas.

Bevill Center beats the clock

BOAZ -- The construction of the Tom Bevill Continuing Education Center is ahead of schedule and should be ready for occupancy during the summer.

Phase I will consist of a 50,000 square foot facility which will be able to accomodate conferences and cultural events for the Marshall County business community as well as Snead's campus events and continuing education division.

Snead names music building in honor of retiring Dean Maze

BOAZ -- Snead State Junior College celebrated its 1992 Homecoming on May 2. As part of the celebration, alumni of the John H. Snead Seminary classes of 1922 and 1932 held their 70th and 60th class reunions.

In honor of the retiring Dean Glenn L. Maze, the college named its music building the Glenn L. Maze Music Building.





Shoals wins top honors at State College Bowl

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Shoals Community College's student College Bowl team won first place at the State Championship Competition of the Alabama College Bowl League, which was held at Troy State University on March 7.

College Bowl is a question and answer game played between two teams of four players each. Students participate in College Bowl activities for personal and academic development. The Alabama College Bowl League is composed of junior, community, and technical colleges throughout Alabama. Shoals Community College has competed in the league for two years.

Members of the College Bowl team (with their majors included here) are Captain Gary Newton (pre-med) of Lexington; Keith Jacobs (pre-law) of Huntsville; Mike Trammel (business administration) of Sheffield; Chris Davidson (art) of Arab; Euran Koger (computer engineering) of Cherokee; Heather Victory (elementary education) of Russellville; Bridgette Sheffield (English) and David Moore (computer science) of Muscle Shoals.

The students who compete in

the College Bowl League are selected upon recommendation of their instructors for outstanding academic achievement. They receive two credit hours for their participation in the program.

The team sponsor and coach is Emily Jones, who was selected as "Outstanding College Bowl Coach" for the state tournament.

Newton, as captain, was awarded a plaque for scoring the most points, (a total of 390), during the tournament.

Shoals was the only team which did not lose a round in the competition.

"The tournament was a wonderful experience, and we are delighted that our students represented Shoals Community College and our area so well," Jones said.

Because SCC was the winning team, each team member who participated in the state tournament will receive these scholarship opportunities: Troy State University (full scholarship to each member), Athens College (full scholarship to a qualified participant), Judson College (full scholarship of \$4,750 to female

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member), Livingston University (full scholarship to each member), University of Alabama (\$1,500 to the winning team), University of Montevallo (full scholarship to each member), and Huntingdon College (\$1,000 to each member).

In addition to Shoals Community College, Calhoun State

Community College, Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, Southern Union State Junior College, Wallace State Community College, Gadsden State Community College, Walkr College, and Northwest Alabama Community College participated in the state competition.



Enterprise's Tau Mu PTK earns honors

ENTERPRISE -- Members of Enterprise State Junior College's Tau Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor fraternity for two-year institutions, recently attended the international PTK convention in Washington, D.C.

The Tau Mu Chapter was selected as the Most Distinguished Chapter for 1992 and the chapter was cited for its work in service to the community. The chapter supported a needy family throughout the year, visited nursing homes, and participated in

workplace literacy activities. They took a hands-on approach to their Honors Study Topic (The Paradox of Freedom: A Global Dilemma), sponsoring speakers, watching films, taking field trips and involving elementary students through a freedom art contest.

In a time when education is threatened by budget cuts, the chapter donated work-study duty at no charge to the College.

ESJC instructor Dr. Jack Oden serves as advisor of the award-winning chapter and Betty Wesley as president.



Jeff Davis PTK named one of best

BREWTON -- The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Jefferson Davis Community College was recently named one of the best two-year honor societies in the world.

The college's chapter, Alpha Eta Lambda, was recognized as one of the Society's 1992 Distinguished Chapters at the PTK National Convention held recently in Washington, D.C.

PTK is the national honor society for two-year colleges and consists of 1,000 chapters with more than 70,000 members.

Each year at the National Convention, the society recognizes outstanding chapters, advisers, and members. Only 25 of the 1,000 chapters receive the Distinguished Chapter Award. The award is presented to chapters that have the most comprehensive programs in the four hallmarks of PTK: scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowships.



Jeff Davis SGA gets voters

ATMORE -- The members of the Student Government Association on the Atmore campus of Jefferson Davis Community College have been appointed as deputy registrars by the Escambia County Board of Registrars. A deputy registrar is a county appointee who assists the Board of Registrar's in registering citizens to vote.

The SGA took the responsibility as a major service project for both the college and the community. The organization recently conducted a voter registration drive on campus and has conducted registration drives in local businesses and industries in the Atmore community.

Calhoun pre-law major wins UA scholarship

DECATUR -- Russ "Rusty" Alan Smith, a business and pre-law major at Calhoun Community College, was recently notified by the University of Alabama of his selection to receive one of five Junior

College Honor Scholarships awarded each year by the university to two-year college students.

Smith's scholarship pays full tuition for two academic years, beginning with the

Fall 1992 semester.

Smith, who graduated from Calhoun on May 29, served a president of the Interclub Council, as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and as a Warhawk. He is a member of the Honors Forum and a recipient of the Wendy Williams Memorial Scholarship.

Smith and fellow Warhawk Sharon Owens were recently awarded the Outstanding Leadership Award by the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. The chamber's Education Committee, chaired by Calhoun Student Financial Services Director Deborah Byrd, selects two area college students each year to receive the awards.

Smith and Owens were presented their award May 21 during the chamber's breakfast meeting.

Articulation pact signed

DECATUR -- The administrations of Calhoun Community College and the University of Alabama in Huntsville announced an articulation agreement recently designed to provide an easier transition for graduates from Calhoun's two-year nursing program to UAH.

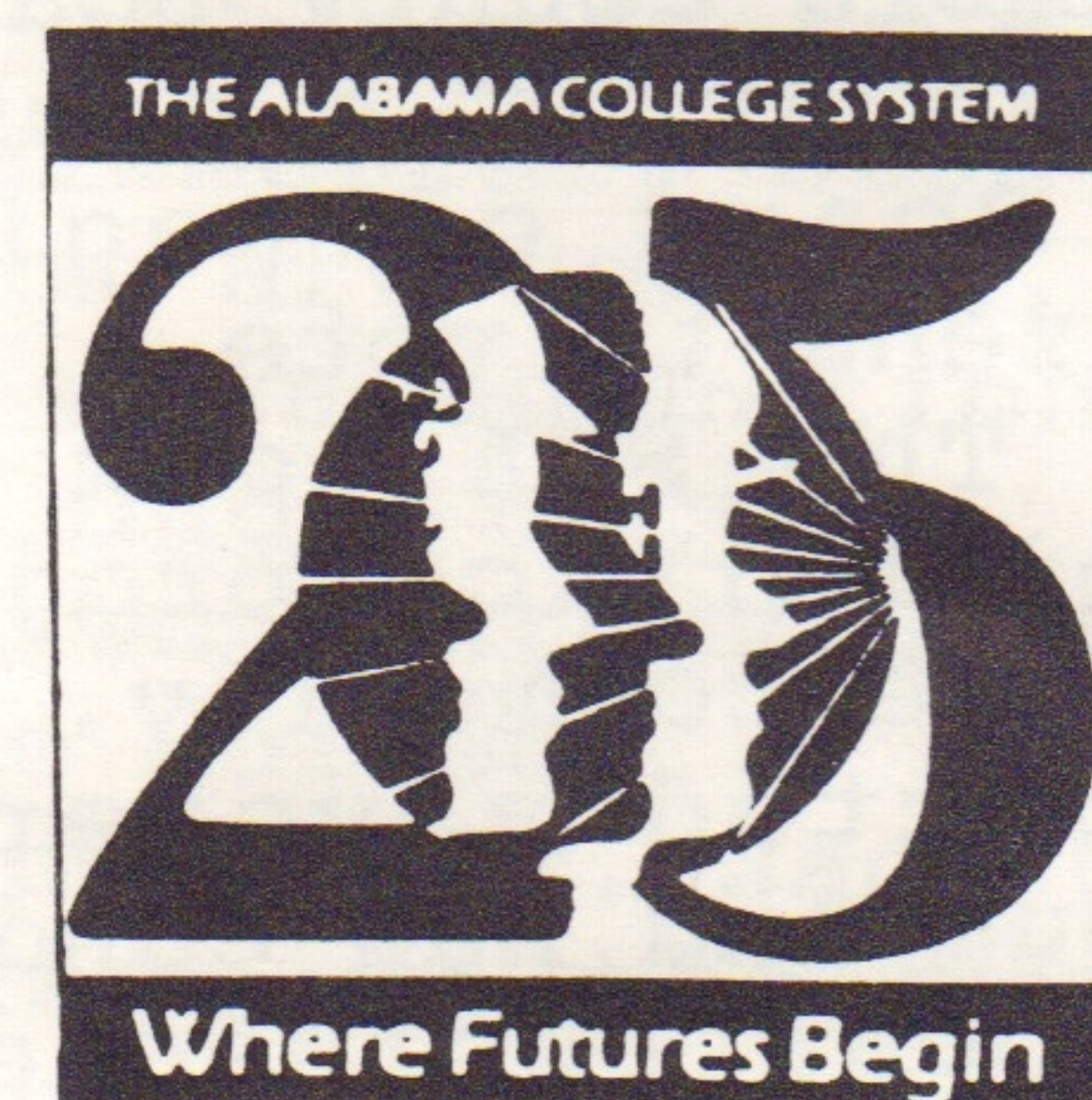
Dr. C. Fay Raines, dean of the UAH College of Nursing said the agreement will take effect this summer. It is designed to eliminate the need for testing each registered nurse from Calhoun.

"Previously, graduates of two-year nursing programs have been eligible to validate selected nursing courses in the

baccalaureate program at UAH by successfully completing the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile exams," Dr. Raines said.

"As a result of the articulation agreement, testing is no longer necessary for RNs who earned their associate degrees from Calhoun since 1980," Raines said.

"The articulation program is a great opportunity for upper mobility for Calhoun graduates," Dr. Rhoda Hutchinson, chairperson of Health and Physical Education, said. "We are very pleased to have such an excellent partnership with the UAH College of Nursing."



Bessemer raises \$85,000 for electronics lab

BESSEMER -- Thirteen area businesses and industries recently put their money on the line in a show of support for Bessemer State Technical College, raising \$85,800 to equip a state-of-the-art electronics laboratory.

Twelve companies teamed with the Alabama Power Foundation and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama to raise the needed funds.

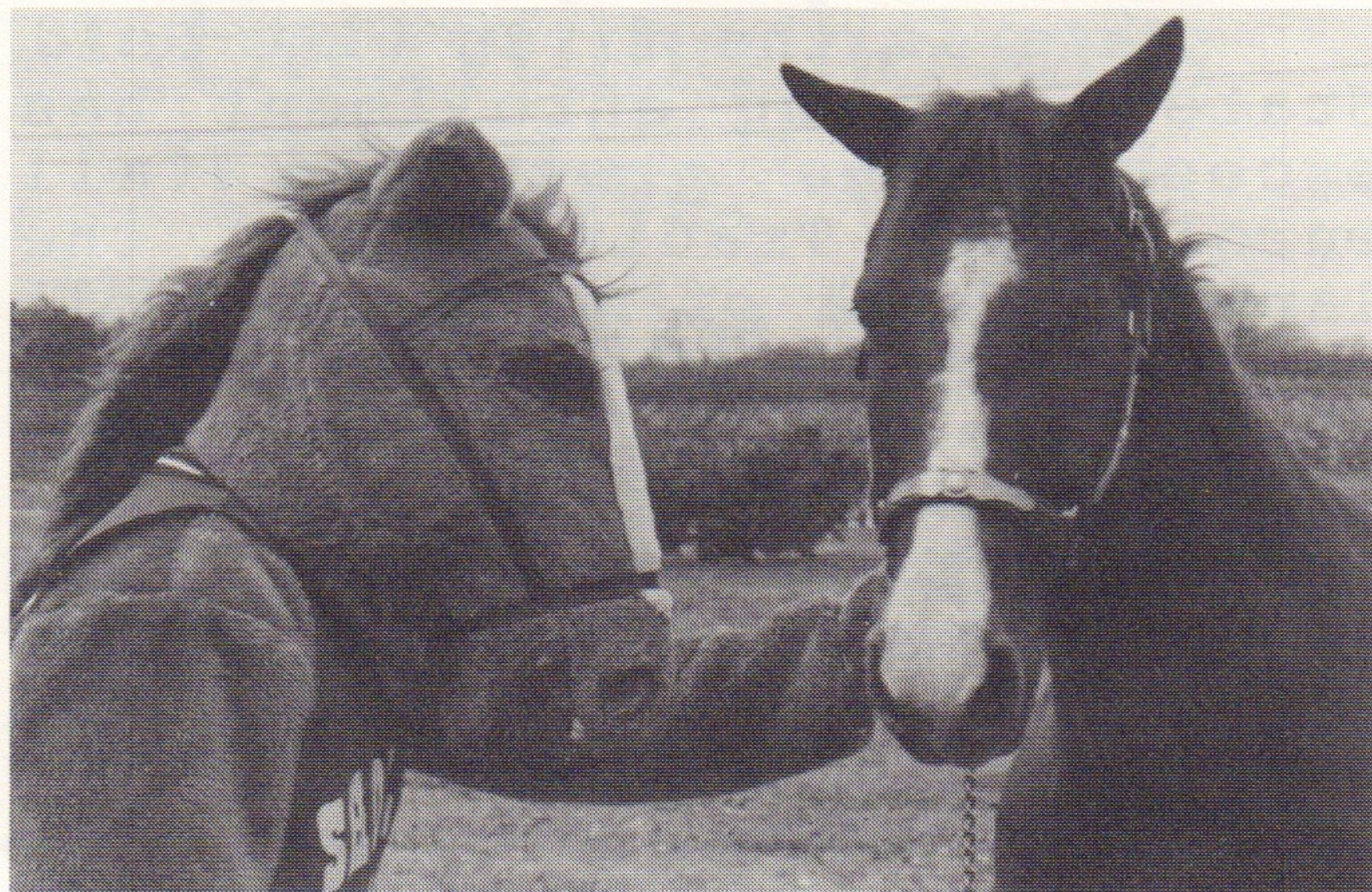
"Because of proration, the

college doesn't have the money for new equipment," Mike Bailey, president of Bessemer State, said. "The grant will enable us to keep the electronics department and our industrial training program on the edge of technology."

The Alabama Power Foundation and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama initiated the project with a \$50,000 grant.

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Shoals says "Hi Yo, Yo-Yo" to newest mascot



MUSCLE SHOALS -- Dr. Larry McCoy, president of Shoals Community College, announced the newest member of their family -- "The Shoals Community College Stallion," an honorary contribution to SCC by Perry Bigbee, president of Bigbee Steel Buildings Inc., and a member of the Shoals Community College Foundation Inc.

The stallion, who will serve as the college's live mascot, is a 13-year-old registered American Quarter Horse which resides at the Running P Ranch in Muscle Shoals, Ala. The horse is sorrel-colored and weighs 1,300 pounds.

The stallion will made appearances during the year at events sponsored by the college. When the stallion is not representing SCC as their live mascot, he goes by nick-name Yo Yo. The horse was named Yo Yo because it was born on the Y.O. Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas.

Yo Yo is a champion rodeo horse and has contributed to many cowboys' winning rides at rodeos throughout the United States.

"We are pleased to have Yo Yo as our honorary mascot," McCoy said recently. "We appreciate Perry Bigbee making this possible. Yo Yo will represent us well."

Shoals Community College is represented by a mascot (in human form), Slammin' Sam. He is in charge of keeping the morale high and "just horsing around" when he appears at all games and most college events.

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The balance was contributed by USS-Fairfield Works, LeHigh Portland Cement Co., Koppers Industries, Sloss Industries, Elk Corporation, Tuscaloosa Steel, Drummond Company Inc., ABC Rail Corporation, Harbison Walker Refractories, Trinity Industries, Gladwin Alabama and South Central Bell.

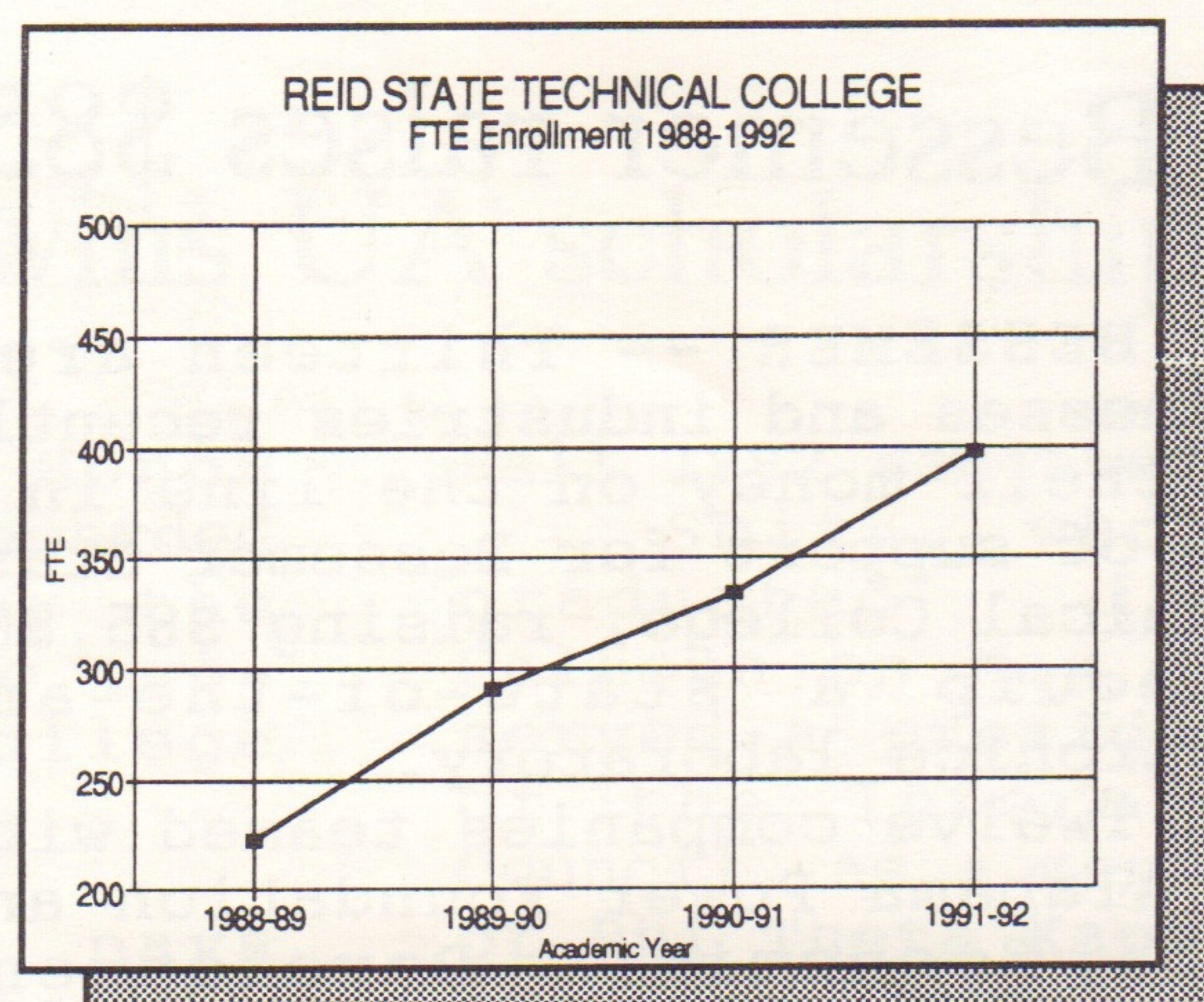
"We're thankful for the commitment these companies have to technical education," Al Craig, director of industrial training at Bessemer State, said. "The lab will be used to retrain people currently in the workforce and to prepare entry-level employees."

The Alabama Power Foundation and the Economic Development Partnership developed the grant program to improve economic development by helping to strengthen the link between education and industry.

The Alabama Power Foundation supports Alabama Power Company's commitment to enhancing the quality of life and the economic success of the communities in Alabama. The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama is a non-profit corporation of Alabama businesses and industries that are committed to bringing quality economic development to the state.

"Education is everyone's business," Charles McCrary, senior vice-president of External Affairs for Alabama Power and president of the Alabama Power Foundation. "The economic future of Alabama is dependent upon a well-trained workforce."

The money was awarded to the college during a special business and industry partnership luncheon on Feb. 4.



Reid State growing

EVERGREEN -- Reid State Technical College continues to experience a record enrollment increase. Enrollment figures indicate a 37 percent increase for Spring Quarter 1992 over Spring 1991. Preliminary figures indicate that Spring 92 enrollment was 5 percent higher than Fall 91 enrollment.

This is the first time Reid State's spring enrollment has exceeded the preceding fall enrollment. Traditionally, the largest number of students enroll during fall quarter.

Since Summer Quarter 1989, Reid State's enrollment has grown 146 percent. On top of that, Reid State has retained a record number of returning enrollees. The college's fall retention rates for incoming students was at an all-time high. A record 94.3 of students enrolled in fall quarter returned for winter quarter.

Reid State had the highest increase of any public two-year college in the state during Fall Quarter 1991, when compared with 1990 figures.

Dr. Ulysses McBride, Reid State's new president, has plans for greater growth, and is working with his faculty and staff towards continued growth and development.



Everytime he says 'Goodbye,' world crises take hold

BAY MINETTE -- Every August, Dennis Goodwin leaves his home for two weeks and the world erupts into chaos.

This, while actually a coincidence, has become somewhat of a joke at both Faulkner State Community College, where he is Dean of Development and Institutional Research, and at his mobilization site in Washington D.C.

A Russian linguist who specializes in cryptology, Goodwin is a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Navy currently serving as a reservist. What makes his stint in the Navy Reserve so unusual, is his unlikely timing. While on

routine duty in Washington in 1990, Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein stormed into Kuwait, kicking off the Gulf War and ruining Goodwin's chances for a quiet fall in Bay Minette.

Goodwin was recalled to active duty on the spot, and served in his intelligence-analyst capacity for almost three months.

Last year, the same day Goodwin checked in for duty in the nation's capitol, Communist hardliners lead a coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, instantly panicking the entire globe and placing Goodwin again in the hot seat, as an intelligence analyst.

"These things just seem to happen when I'm around," Goodwin chuckled, scratching his head bemusedly. "Everytime I'm on duty in Washington, something happens. It's getting to be quite a joke.

"I was on reserve duty the day the Falkland Islands war began and I was on duty when the Libyan planes were shot down over the Gulf of Sidra," Goodwin said. "I spent my two weeks active duty in 1975 in Boston when the two Russian warships pulled into Boston Harbor on a goodwill visit."

Goodwin, a quiet man who rarely talks of his exploits in military intelligence, received a very public thank you last summer. Goodwin was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal and Citation from Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney for his meritorious service during the war. He was one of five servicemen to receive the award and the only reservist.

The citation reads: "Lt. Dennis H. Goodwin, United States Naval Reserve, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement from 17 August 1990 to 9 October 1990 while serving in the Operations Organization of the Department of Defense.

Lawson, Harris give some police some flak

BIRMINGHAM -- U.S. Representative Claude Harris recently donated 50

military-style flak jackets to the Bessemer Fraternal Order of Police.

The jackets, however, were green and didn't match the navy-blue uniforms worn by police. The officers, seeking to use the flak jackets but needing some uniformity with their uniforms, consulted Lawson State's Commercial Sewing Department.

The students converted the jackets to "black, water-resistant, raincoat-type material to cover the green, sleeve-less protective vests," Officer Steve O'Neal said. O'Neal credited Mrs. Bertha James, Lawson's Commercial Sewing Instructor, with the successful venture.

The jackets each weigh about 20 pounds, and heavier than bullet-proof vests. Police wear them for protection against shrapnel from explosive devices.

The department initially paid for the conversion of 25 jackets at a considerable savings to the city of Bessemer and its police department. The cost of the student's work was \$70, while a retailer would have charged up to \$600 for the same work.

Survey results from 1991

BIRMINGHAM -- The results of the survey of those ACA members who attended the 1991 annual convention were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in March.

The rating of zero indicates a rating of "no value" and a rating of 5 indicates a rating of "great value."

The survey results:

1. General Session --

3 rated 0
1 rated 1
4 rated 2
23 rated 3
35 rated 4
24 rated 5

2. Interest Group Meetings --

4 rated 0
1 rated 1
3 rated 2
16 rated 3
22 rated 4
51 rated 5

3. Dance --

6 rated 0
4 rated 1
6 rated 2
8 rated 3
3 rated 4
3 rated 5

4. General

Session (Tues) --

5 rated 0
8 rated 1
10 rated 2

18 rated 3
16 rated 4
8 rated 5
5. Conference Registration Procedures --

0 rated 0
0 rated 1
1 rated 2
9 rated 3
31 rated 4
50 rated 5

6. ACA

Newsletter 1991 --

0 rated 0
4 rated 1
6 rated 2
24 rated 3
27 rated 4
22 rated 5

7. Wynfrey

Facilities --

0 rated 0
1 rated 1
4 rated 2
10 rated 3
22 rated 4
49 rated 5

The comments were, on the whole, positive, especially regarding the facilities at the Stouffer's Wynfrey Hotel in the Galleria.

This survey helped influence the Executive Committee March vote to hold the 1992 ACA Annual Convention at the Wynfrey.

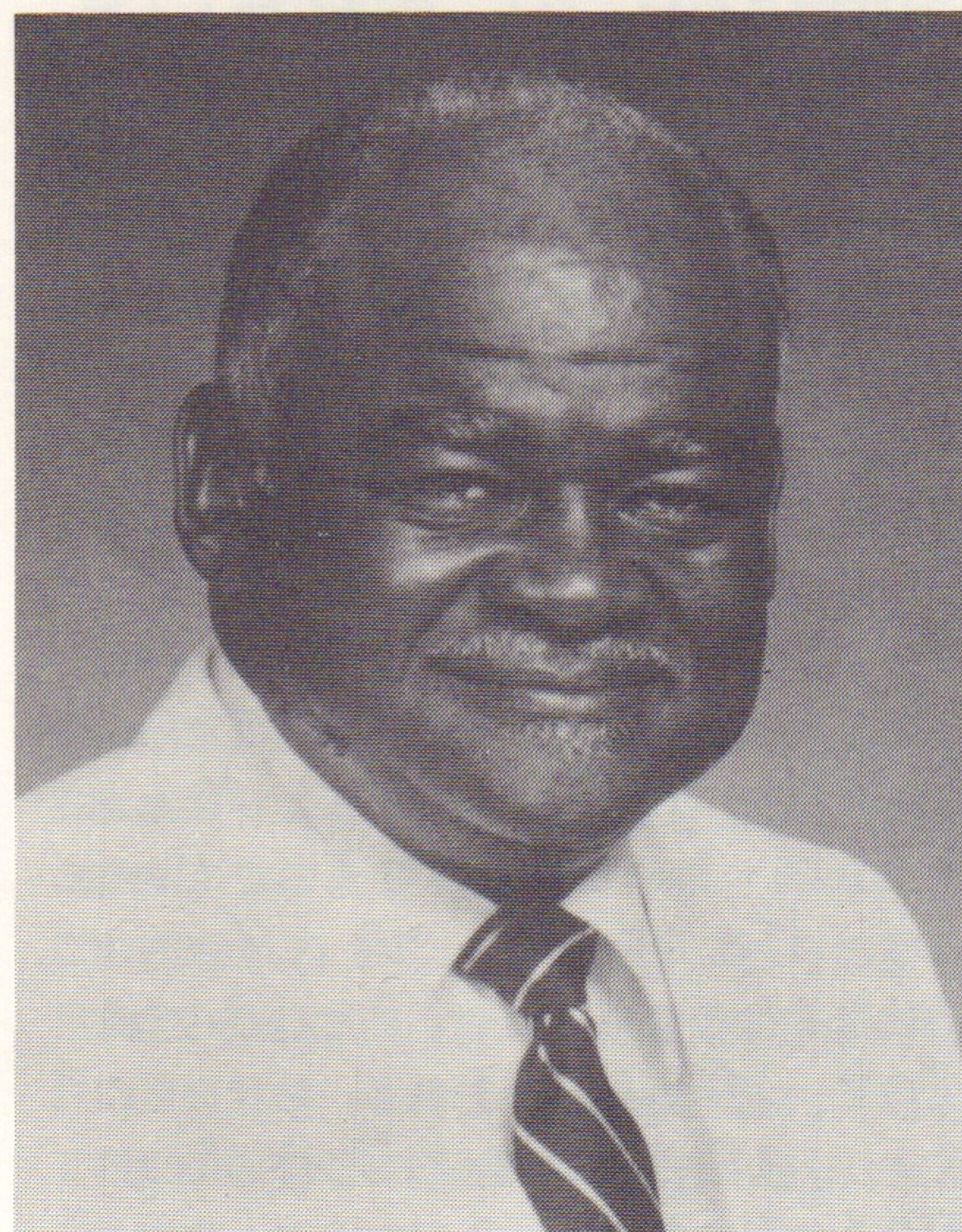
Coach Turner named to Hall of Fame

BIRMINGHAM -- Eldridge O. Turner, chair of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and Athletic Director at Lawson State, was inducted into the Alabama Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame on May 19.

The event took

place at Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City.

Turner, a talented and highly respected coach, amassed an overall coaching record of 376 wins and 131 losses. His teams won the State Junior College Champion-



Warhawks dominate athletics

BREWTON -- Jefferson Davis Community College athletics have ranked among the most successful of two-year institutions both regionally and nationally, and they continue to play a vital role at the college and in the community.

With a 43-10-1 season record, the JDCC Warhawk baseball team clinched the Southern Division title for the second year in a row. The Warhawks also achieved the college's best National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) baseball ranking ever by earning the number three spot in the Top 25 NJCAA Division I baseball

poll. The poll was released April 8.

Along with 312 other baseball teams, the Warhawks competed for the coveted 25 spots in the NJCAA Division I. In addition to these accomplishments, the team also set a new school record with 43 victories for the regular season, beating the old record of 38 wins.

For the first time in history, a Jefferson Davis tennis team placed first in the region as both the men's and women's teams qualified for the NJCAA national tennis tournament. The men's team captured the regional championship and the women's team finished second.

ships from 1975-77 placing fourth in the National Juco Tournament in 1977.

Turner was voted Coach of the Year five times, and was the 1977 Regional Coach of the Year. Turner has one of the best winning percentages in the history of the conference.

Turner has coached seven All-American players.

Coach Turner earned his bachelor's degree from Alabama A & M and his master's degree in Physical Education at Indiana University. He did further study at the University of Montevallo, Alabama State University, Miles College, A & M, and at the University of Alabama.

Calhoun's Owens named to Academic team

DECATUR -- Sharon Morelle Owens, a sophomore corrections-police science major at Calhoun Community College, has been named to the Academic All-American Second Team for community, junior and technical colleges and has also been selected as Calhoun's Most Outstanding Student for 1992.

Sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges., in cooperation with "USA Today" and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC), the Academic All-American program recognizes the best academic talent among the more than six million students attending America's two-year colleges.

As a team member, Owens received a plaque, and her name was listed in the April 13 edition of "USA Today."

Calhoun is no stranger to the national Academic All-American program. In April 1989, Calhoun alumnus Todd



Fentress was selected as the nation's first AACJC/PTK National Student Scholar. Last year, Calhoun student Kelly Cain was named to the Academic All-American First Team, an honor which carried with it a \$2,500 college scholarship.

A resident of Decatur, Owens' selection as Calhoun's Most Outstanding Student distinguishes her as the college's number one student out of the nearly 8,000 Calhoun students.

Owens, with a grade point average of 3.86, has been named to Who's Who Among American Junior College

Students, was a recipient of the Betsy J. Cantrell Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership, and has achieved both the President's and Dean's Lists at Calhoun.

Morris is involved in a number of extracurricular activities at Calhoun, including the Warhawks, the college's official student hosts and hostesses, and as president of PTK. She serves as president of the Criminal Justice Club, as a member of the coordinating committee of the Gene Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund, as student coordinator of the college's Athletic Tutorial program and is a member of the Calhoun Educational Society.

Owens was recently awarded one of two Outstanding Student Leadership awards presented each year by the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and was named Calhoun's nominee for the "Best and Brightest," a national competition for outstanding disabled college students.

Snead's Miller named to USA Today team

BOAZ -- Kellie Allison Miller, a Snead State Junior College sophomore majoring in music and math, was named recently to the "USA Today All-USA Academic Third Team. The award was presented to Miller at the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges convention held recently in Phoenix, Az. Miller was featured along

with the other winners in the April 13, 1992 issue of the popular daily newspaper.

The annual competition is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa in cooperation with "USA Today" and the AAJC. The award recognizes the best talent of the more than 6 million students attending the nation's 1200 two-year colleges.

The 20 winners named to each of the three teams were selected from 391 students nominated from across the country by the presidents of their respective colleges. The panel of judges considered the grades, activities in college and high school, community and public service, academic honors and awards, and recommendations by the faculty to assess the student's credentials.



Vestavia goes to college

TUSCALOOSA -- "Vestavia Goes to College," an annual event sponsored by Shelton State Community College as part of its Adopt a School Program with Vestavia Elementary, was held April 17.

Over 200 fifth and sixth grade students from Vestavia Elementary attended. The students selected four courses they wanted to attend during the morning. A graduation and finale was held during the closing of the morning's activities.

Sparks Tech awarded \$2.5 million grant

EUFULA -- Dr. Linda C. Young, president of Sparks State Technical College, announced the receipt of \$2.5 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the construction and equipping of a Center for Advanced Electronics Technology to be located on the Sparks Tech campus.

The center was organized through a partnership agreement with the Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce, the University of Alabama, and Sparks Tech. Each of the organizations is represented on the center's nine-member Board of Directors.

Dr. Malcolm Portera, vice chancellor for External Affairs at the University of Alabama and a member of the center Board cheered the announcement.

"This center is the result of the work of many people," Portera said. "First of all, your Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce had the

vision to establish and invest in a major economic development program.

"One aspect of that development was the creation of this center to provide state-of-the-art electronics training programs to support industry and to attract new jobs to the region.

"Many individuals contributed to making this center a reality," Portera said. "These include Speaker Jimmy Clark of the Alabama Legislature and Rep. Tom Bevill of the U.S. House of Representatives. They were partners with us and have encouraged and supported this development at every step along the way."

Dr. Gene Watson, executive director of the Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce, said the center is good for business.

"This new center of excellence will foster a climate for attracting new industry and will implement high quality programs to

support retention of existing jobs as well as the creation of new jobs.

"By utilizing the combined resources of a technical college, a state university, and industry, the center will provide education and training for persons entering the workforce and for those who are already working but need retraining," Watson said.

The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and the Alabama Power Foundation are also supporting the center with contributions of \$125,000 each. Alabama Power's Southeast Division office is located in Eufaula and its personnel have been involved in securing center funds.

Private industry will raise an additional \$250,000 for constructing and equipping the center. Construction on the 22,500 square foot facility is scheduled to begin in fall 1992.

Bessemer begins work on Auto Tech Center

BESSEMER -- Bessemer State Technical College broke ground this month for a new 34,000 square foot Automotive Technology Center. The \$1.3 million facility will consist of 28,000 square feet of new construction and approximately 6,000 square feet of renovated space. The new structure will adjoin the existing General Motors building.

The Automotive Technology Center will include general use classrooms, automotive labs, auditorium, conference rooms, offices, and an automotive library and media center.

The facility is scheduled for completion in September 1992.

"The new building will help us accommodate the college's rapidly growing automotive training division," Dr. Mike Bailey, president of

Bessemer State, said. "This is the college's third automotive related construction in the past five years.

"Our automotive division has grown to be the largest college-based training center in the country," Mike Hobson, manager of GM's training program at Bessemer State, said. The GM program includes a factory-authorized training center for employed dealership technicians and a two-year associate degree program, called ASEP, for young technicians beginning a career in the automotive repair industry.

In addition to training the "Mr. Goodwrenches" for GM, the college also trains Alabama's Ford and Toyota technicians. Independent shops and garages rely on the college's excellent automotive service and diesel programs.

Currently, over 20 Bessemer State

instructors teach automotive and diesel classes.

"In addition to training entry-level technicians, we also have advanced classes for automotive instructors and dealership technicians from across the Southeast," Bailey said.

The college's GM, Ford and Toyota connections give Bessemer State direct access to the technology, cars, tools and materials which are used in instruction.

"GM's donation of cars, tools and instructional materials alone equals more than \$500,000 annually," Hobson said.

Bessemer State is Alabama's largest technical college, with over 5,000 students attending classes annually. In addition to the automotive programs, the college offers career training in fields such as electronics, computers, health and art.

Southern Union's Harmon named to USA Today list of All U.S.A. Academic team

OPELIKA -- Beth Harmon, a Southern Union Junior College student, was named as one of 20 members of "USA Today"'s All-USA Academic Team for two-year colleges.

Harmon attended the Amercian Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Phoenix, Arizona in April. The 20 first-team All-American are among the six million students earning college credit on two-year campuses.

Each of the 20 students received a trophy and \$2,500 from "USA Today."

Tom Curley, president of "USA Today," said the students represented "outstanding academic talent," and noted that four-year schools do not have a lock on scholarship.

"We recognize and encourage scholarly achievements wherever they exist," Curley said.

The winners were selected by panels of educators who assembled under the auspices Phi Theta Kappa, the honorary fraternity for two-year colleges.

The winners



were chosen from 391 students nominated by their college presidents. Judges considered the students' grades, college activities, community and public service, academic honors, awards, and

faculty recommendations.

The contestants each wrote an essay describing the highlights of their two-year college experience.

Harmon, who is majoring in international relations, is from Lafayette, La. She is president of Southern Union's Phi Theta Kappa chapter and has attended state, regional and national PTK conventions.

She is a recipient of the Bill Fuller Legislative Honors Scholarship from Southern Union, and is actively involved in the Student Government Association, Interclub Council, Phi Beta Lambda, and Amnesty International.

Lawson choir honors Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE -- Lawson State's choir, under the direction on Bessie Shelton, performed at Tuskegee University for "An Evening of Music - Celebrating and Promoting the Contributions of late William L. Dawson."

The choir presented two selections by Dawson and received several spontaneous standing ovations. Lawson State was one of six institutions -- and the only two-year college -- invited to appear.

Dr. Dawson served as the first director of the Tuskegee Institute Choir.

Faulkner student wins national art award

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Madison Wells, of Gateswood, travels to the nation's capitol May 26 to receive the first place award for her entry in the National Handicapped Poster Competition from the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities. Wells won the award for her poster promoting equal justice for physically disabled Americans. She is the first Alabamian to win first place in the national awards competition.

The presentation will take place at the official awards luncheon of the White House committee, which will take place at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, D.C. Vice-President Dan Quayle is slated to attend.

Wells won the national award after winning the state competition, sponsored by the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

The competition is part of the White House's efforts to



publicize the contributions of the physically disabled. Justin Dart Jr., chairman of the committee, noted recently that 2/3 of all Americans are disabled in some way.

Wells said she is excited that her artwork won the national award.

"This was a great contest," Wells said. "As I

understand, Faulkner State's entries have always placed well in it. I know other students have been involved with it before.

Wells credits Walter Allen, the award winning artist who runs Faulkner State's art program, with spurring her artistic pursuits.

"Mr. Allen deserves alot of credit," she said.

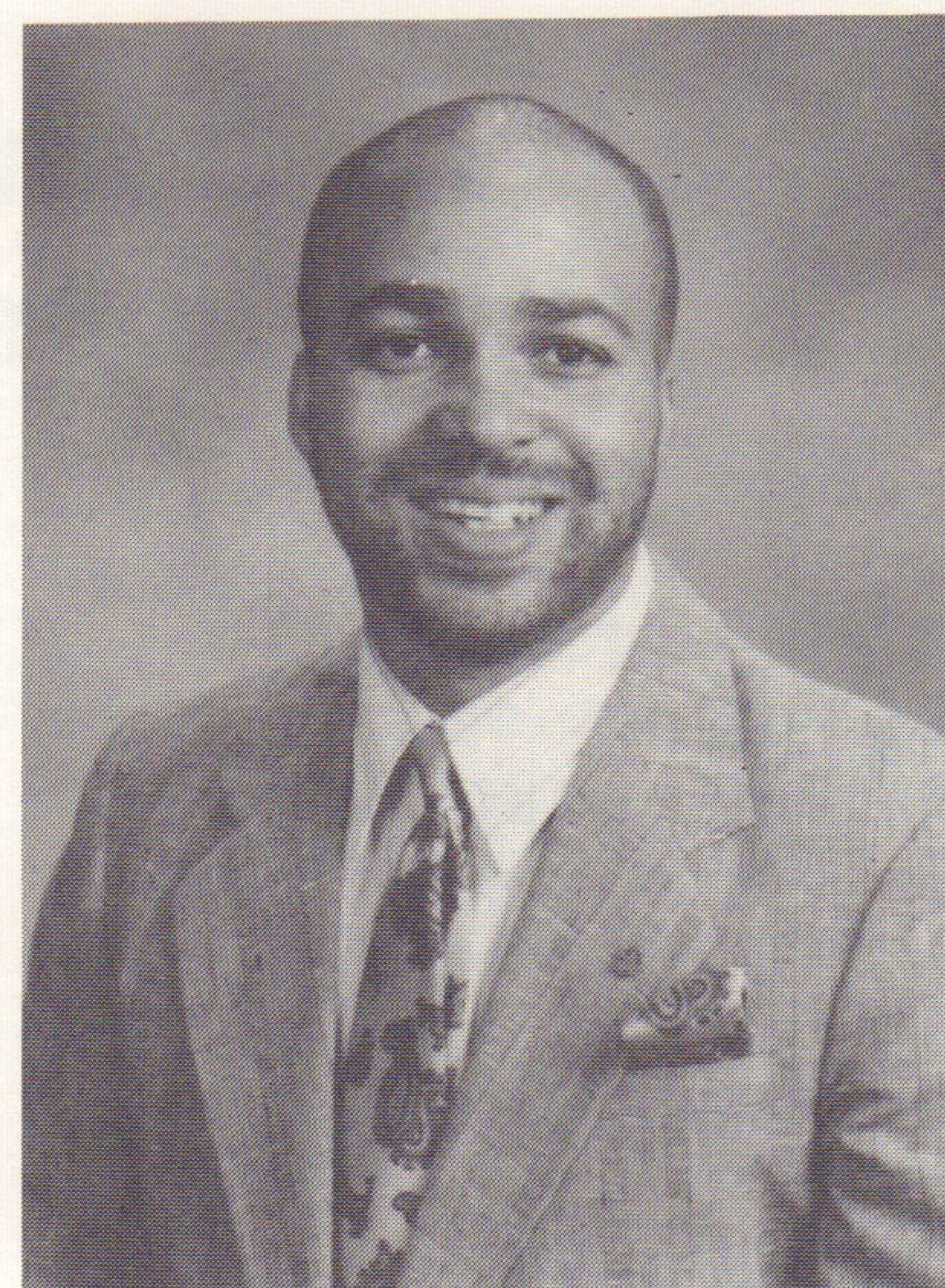
Blackledge wins top honors

MOBILE -- Dr. Charles H. Blackledge III, director of Research and Development and Grants Officer at Bishop State Community College, received the Alabama College System's Administrator of the Year Award.

The honor, awarded by Chancellor Dr. Fred Gainous, included a \$1,000 grant to be used in the recipient's office.

Blackledge is a 1963 graduate of Bishop State (then Alabama State University-Mobile Center), and went on to ASU, earning the bachelor's degree in history in 1965.

Blackledge holds a masters degree in history from the University of South Alabama, and earned his Ph. D from the University of Alabama in 1988, with a major in higher education administration.



Reed named to posts

MOBILE -- Dr. Keflyn X. Reed, instructor of English and writing at Bishop State Community College, is the president of the Alabama Association for Developmental Education and chairman of the English Professional Development for the National Association for Developmental Education.

Reed has also been selected as a reader for Advanced Placement examinations in English and will serve this summer on a panel in Somerset, New Jersey. Reed was also recently elected vice-president and president-elect of the Mobile Bay Area Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity.

Mierzejewski gets Fulbright

ATHENS -- Dr. Al C. Mierzejewski, assistant professor of history at Athens State College, was recently notified of his selection as a recipient of a Fulbright grant to Germany.

Mierzejewski has done extensive research on railway transportation in Germany during World War II. The grant award will fund the continuation of his research into the German National Railway.

He will live in Germany for one year and visit various cities involved with

the railway.

Mierzejewski is one of approximately 1,800 U.S. grantees who will travel abroad for the 1992 academic year under the Fulbright program.

The purpose of the program is to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries.

Individuals are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications, plus their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures.

Shelton State offers statistical process control

TUSCALOOSA -- Two new courses, designed specifically to meet the needs of local industry, will be offered at Shelton State Community College this summer and fall.

The first course in statistical process control (SPC) is currently being taught on Shelton State's Fifteenth Street Campus. This introductory course teaches the basic concepts, such as monitoring the process, interpreting the charts, and learning how to solve problems.

The second SPC course will be offered for the first time in the Fall 1992 quarter, and will help the students take the information they learned from the first course and put it on the computer.

Statistical process control is not a new term. By definition it monitors any type of manufacturing and service process in order to improve the quality. Statistical process control actually began in the United States during the 1920s. It did not become popular, however, until after World War II, when W. Edwards Demings took the concept to Japan to help rebuild the Japanese economy.

The introductory course in SPC was first taught this quarter at Shelton State by Ronnie Guy and is currently being offered during the day and at night. Guy, who also teaches machine tool technology and numerical control in addition to SPC, has visited several local industries to find out how, in a hands-on approach, SPC is being applied. Guy visited

Tamko, Johnson Control, Uniroyal Goodrich, and Phifer Wire. He plans to visit other industries in the area.

"Tamko has used SPC for 11 years, and they do their own training," Guy said. "They already have their own system. However, some of the others have too many employees and it is not economically feasible for them to do it themselves. That's how Shelton State can help."

Guy said the faculty and administration at Shelton State has wanted to teach this course for the past five or six years. This summer Guy will teach three classes during the day and two at night in order to accommodate different shifts.

This fall, however, Bill Aldridge, who also teaches economics and statistics for the college, will begin the second part of the SPC program.

"The first course will be the 'nuts and bolts' of the program," Aldridge said. "The second level will be more interpretation. Actually, this is something we should have been doing a long time ago."

"We didn't need quality control in the 1950s because we were a monopoly," Aldridge said. "Because of today's competition, quality control is now a necessity. In today's economy, you have to stay good at what you do or you're gone."

"If you have defective input, you'll have defective output and you are out of business," he said.



Bishop marks new logo

MOBILE -- With the merger of Bishop State Community College with the technical colleges formerly known as Carver State and Southwest State, Bishop now boasts a total enrollment of approximately 3,800.

Bishop's main campus spring enrollment was around 2,200, while 1,100 enrolled at Southwest campus and 500 enrolled at Carver campus.

The merger also brought about the creation of a new school logo, designed by Dale Diemert. The logo was selected from 12 entries in the college's design competition.

Diemert said the logo's circular shape represents the unified institution. The large flame is made up of three smaller flames, each of which denotes a BSCC campus. The wreath on the inside of the circle contains 50 leaves, symbolizing achievement with the Roman numerals MCMXXVII, denoting the year 1927, the year Bishop State was founded. The latin phrase "Praestantia Docendi" means "excellence in teaching."

BSCC signs articulation

MOBILE -- In an effort to provide a more diversified Health Career Opportunity Program, Bishop State recently signed an articulation agreement with the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. Through this pact, students enrolled at Bishop State will be able to attend the podiatric college after following a set curriculum at Bishop.

Patterson aids LD

MONTGOMERY -- John M. Patterson State Technical College is making a difference in the lives of high school students with learning disabilities.

Project PET was developed by the Elmore County Board of Education and the name stands for Program for Effective Transitions.

The program is designed to provide job skill training to students who have learning disabilities. The students spend their senior year at Patterson Tech in both job training and academic courses. The students can take courses in cosmetology, machine tool operations, automotive maintenance and repair, air-conditioning and refrigeration and computer information systems.

The students, upon earning their high school diploma, can continue at the college to earn their college degree.

Jerry Joyce, coordinator for the program at Patterson Tech, said the program proves students can achieve at higher levels than many thought possible for disabled students.

Joyce said the program not only provides the students with higher learning, it provides them with something even more important -- self esteem.



Walker State engages faculty development

SUMITON -- Walker State Technical College has engaged a faculty cohort in a year-long Faculty Development Project to address teacher effectiveness.

Dr. Ed Meadows, dean of the College, appointed a Faculty Development Committee to develop a conceptual framework for the project.

Members of the committee are Larry Hambrick, Electricity instructor; Tyrone Webb, director of Learning Resources; Dr. Carl Schinasi, English professor; Dixie Peterson, Computer Science instructor; Rita Willis, Nursing instructor; Rene' Williams, director of Industrial Training; Bonnie Craven, division chair, and George Deavours, chairperson and director of Faculty Development.

The co-hort is composed of members of the committee and Linda Cargis, ADN instructor; Kelvin Brown, Auto Body instructor; Dot Gudger, Business and Office instructor; Charles Ireland, Electronics instructor; Scott Phillips, Math instructor; and Ed Griffith, Drafting and Design instructor.

Based on the conceptual framework developed by the Faculty Development Committee, Dr. Patsy Johnson, of the University of Alabama was employed as a consultant to design Project Elevate, an acronym for Effective Learning Environments Vitalize Action to Elevate. The cohort has worked with Dr. Johnson during the 1991-92 academic year to complete the first year of the program. The objective for the cohort is to become a mentor group for the remaining faculty during the 1992-93 academic year.

The first four phases of Dr. Johnson's program have been implemented:

- 1) The research and evaluation phase which included assessment and analysis of such faculty characteristics as learning style, the analysis of test and research information for developing content design, and preparation of evaluation procedures.

- 2) The content development phase which involved study and practice in analyzing the effect

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Patterson's Lynch travels to Argentina

MONTGOMERY -- Ask Patterson Tech math instructor Kelly Lynch what was the most interesting part of her spring and she's quite likely to say "Argentina."

Lynch traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Paris of South America, as part of the Rotary Club Southern District's Group Study Exchange.

Lynch observed technical

school operations in Argentina.

Dr. S. Douglas Patterson, dean of Instruction at Patterson Tech, said the trip was of great benefit to Lynch and to the college.

"It gave her a chance to see the kind of related activities going on in other countries," Patterson said.

BSCC yearbook honored recently

MOBILE -- Bishop State's PTK chapter, Alpha Epsilon Nu, saw its yearbook take top honors recently at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. The yearbook, which received the prestigious Mosal Award at the regional convention, was named one of the top five in the nation. Instructor Deborah Anthony serves as the chapter's advisor.

New fraternity planned

MOBILE -- Bishop State is in the process of chartering its Sigma Theta Alpha Society.

Sigma Theta Alpha is recognized by the Collegiate Division of Health Occupations Students of America. Bishop State's chapter will be the first organized in Alabama.

Maureen Donaldson, an instructor in anatomy and physiology, is the faculty sponsor. Ms. Jimmie Robinson of the HCOP staff, is the staff sponsor.

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of various learning styles and in implementing various teaching models, culminated in workshops lead by members of the cohort during the Spring Quarter faculty development day. Each workshop was designed to demonstrate utilization of a variety of teaching tools.

3) The implementation phase which included skill building processes that integrated learning styles information with practice in utilizing a variety of teaching models in cohort members' courses; and

4) The evaluation phase which is providing data for analysis of project progress and project revision.

ACHE OKs program

MOBILE -- Bishop State has been approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to implement a new health career program entitled Medical Records Technology this fall. The program can be completed in its entirety at Bishop's main campus.

The program is designed to prepare students for employment in medical records departments in acute care facilities and alternative health care settings. Students successfully completing the program will receive the Associate in Applied Sciences degree.